GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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SCHEMES FOR RAISING OF INCOME OF URBAN POOR
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to evolve specific schemes to raise incomes of urban poor through low cost technologies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government would replicate the World Bank model of poverty alleviation in Andhra Pradesh for other States in the country;

(d) if so, the details of proposals of the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the Government proposes to give more importance to SHGs for addressing social and other needs; and

(f) if so, the proposals in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(b): Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation is already implementing a n employment oriented Urban Poverty Alleviation Centrally sponsored Scheme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana, on all India basis for the benefit of urban poor living below poverty line. This programme seeks to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed poor through setting up of micro enterprises and also through provision of Wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of useful public assets. Under the skill upgradation component of SJSRY, it is intended to provide training to the urban poor in a variety of service and manufacturing trades as well as local skills and local crafts and also in vital components of the service sector like the construction trade and allied services like carpentry and plumbing and manufacturing of low cost building materials based on improved local technology.

(c)&(d): As given in (a) above, Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation is already implementing the urban poverty alleviation programme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) in all the States/UTs of the country. The scheme is running successfully.

(e)&(f): Under the Scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), there is already a component of Development of Women and Children in Urban Areas (DWCUA), under which women beneficiaries are encouraged to form a DWCUA Group comprising of minimum 10 members and set up group enterprises to generate income. The subsidy provided for these DWCUA enterprises is 50% of the project cost or Rs.1,25,000/- whichever is less. Where the DWCUA group sets itself as a Thrift and Credit Society (T&CS) in addition to its other enterpreneurial activity, the group/Thrift and Credit Society is also entitled to a Lump sum grant of Rs. 25,000/- as revolving fund at the maximum rate of Rs.1,000/- per member. This revolving fund is meant for purchase of raw materials and marketing, infrastructure support for income generation and other group activities; one time expense on child care activity; income subsidy to be paid on behalf of the T&CS member towards health/life/accident/any other insurance scheme for herself, subject to saving at least Rs.500 in a fixed deposit for 12 months with the T&CS, etc.